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## ALMA IS MOST REPRESENTATIVE STATE COLLEGE

SERVES ENTIRE STATE BETTER THAN DO OTHER SMALL COLLEGES IS CLAIM.

### Students Are Nearly All From This State

If the question was asked, what is the most representative Michigan college of the smaller colleges of Michigan, they probably would find it a hard task to give an answer. The probabilities are, however, that Alma College is the most representative Michigan college of the smaller liberal arts institutions of the state.

This claim is based on the students in the four regular college classes at Alma, and does not include music students and "specials." A total of 260 students is used as the number in the four regular college classes in making this claim.

Of this number 97 or 37 per cent of the total number come from within a radius of fifty miles of Alma. It will be remembered in this connection that Alma is situated almost in the heart of the lower peninsula of the state, and a fifty mile radius would not be possible entirely within Michigan territory from some of the other small colleges of liberal arts, and certainly none of the others could include as great an amount of Michigan territory within a 100 mile radius within which 173 or 66, 7-13 per cent of the Alma students come. From without the radius of 100 miles from Alma, yet from within the state, 87 students or 33, 6-13 live.

In this connection it is noteworthy that only four students in the four regular classes or less than 2 per cent come from outside of the state, which is worthy of consideration in finding the most representative of the Michigan colleges.

This shows that Alma is well located to serve Michigan as an institution of higher education and its growth during the past few years, despite the fact that a number of students were lost by reason of the kindergarten department being abolished a few years ago, has been based on its ability to serve the state generally rather than any one particular section of Michigan.

It has a big importance locally also as is shown by the fact that 48 Alma young people are securing their higher education at Alma. The savings that Alma College makes possible to Alma over a period of years is making it possible for her young people to remain home while securing greater education is very evident from this fact.

In this connection it is interesting also to note that the college is beginning to make itself strongly felt in the larger cities of the state, as is shown by the number of students from some of the larger cities, as follows: Detroit 17, Flint 17, Saginaw 11, Royal Oak 7, Bay City 7, Newberry 9 and Crosswell 7.

### W. C. T. U. Held A Good Meeting

The Thanksgiving meeting of the Frances Willard Union held at the home of Mrs. H. M. Page, November 15, was well attended, and the program unusually good.

Mrs. Soper had charge of the meeting and brought out many facts why, as temperance workers, we have reasons for rejoicing. She said, "We frequently hear the statement that prohibition is a failure in America, but this has been disproved by statistics gathered by Mr. Gordon, Sec'y of the Anti-Liquor League of Australia, who came here to collect data on this subject. He finds that arrests for drunkenness have decreased wonderfully in our large cities, that there are fewer prison sentences, our juvenile courts are far less busy, and in short, family life in America has had a mighty uplift, and our country is in better condition than in the old saloon days."

Mrs. Hilsinger of St. Louis gave a very splendid report of the Eighth District convention held recently in Belding. There the same facts were emphasized concerning better conditions under dry laws. Another topic of interest was the drive for more W. C. T. U. members. The more members the more interest in the work, also the more delegates to the National conventions, and the possibility of securing the convention for our own state in the near future.

After the program, Mrs. Page served dainty refreshments, and all present felt that it had been a very inspiring afternoon.

Don't forget the Charity Concert, Friday evening, Nov. 24 at the Presbyterian Church—advertisement

### Well Known Girl Married Saturday

A pretty wedding was solemnized Saturday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bentley on Gratiot avenue, when their daughter, Miss Grace, was united in marriage to Mr. Leo H. Lang of Schoolcraft, by Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. church.

Only the immediate relatives were present at the wedding which was a quiet one. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Gladys Bentley, and the groom was attended by Mr. Basil Willoughby of Ithaca.

Mr. Lang is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lang of this city, and was formerly employed at the Clapp hardware store. He recently purchased a hardware store in Schoolcraft, and located in that community at that time. He is well known in this city and held in high esteem by his many Alma friends.

Mrs. Lang was numbered among the popular young ladies of the city. She attended Alma high school and later a business school in Saginaw, after which she was employed at The Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc.

## UNION SERVICES ON THANKSGIVING

ALMA CHURCHES TO UNITE IN MORNING SERVICE AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

The members of the Church federation of this city will unite Thanksgiving morning in a special Thanksgiving service to be held at 10:00 a. m. at the Methodist Episcopal church on Prospect avenue.

The service promises to be of more than usual interest because of the efforts that are being made for special music, and it is certain that the musical numbers at the service will be highly interesting.

Rev. C. H. Hall, pastor of the United Brethren church, will preach at the Thanksgiving services.

### Friday Sets Forth Michigan Program

Outlining his program for agricultural development in the state, President David Friday addressed the staff of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

On invitation of Secretary Henry C. Wallace, the M. A. C. executive made a special trip to the Nation's capital to tell of his plans for future agricultural work in Michigan. Attention of farm leaders all over the country has been attracted by Friday's tentative plans for a big Michigan agricultural program, and the call to address the Department of Agriculture came in direct response to this.

While much of President Friday's material was of a general nature, it is understood that he touched on the question of adapting production to market demands, the development of local markets, the part that improved livestock can play in the state's farming industry, and the value of such crops as alfalfa in building a more efficient agriculture.

### THERE AFTER YOU WHO'S AFTER YOU

The W. S. of J. White Shrine of Jerusalem, four hundred women and men of the better sort are camping on your trail, and will be plumed about it if you don't come and bring your families to the spacious dining and club rooms of the Masonic Temple on the afternoon and evening of Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8th and 9th to attend the great big Bazaar at above said place and dates.

Oh no; it's not for Masons only. It is for every one who has from a nickel to \$10.00 or more. There will be everything from doughnuts and baby stockings to ladies' hand made Intimise and electric ranges. Paddle wheels and orange trees. Brilliant booths filled with all conceivable articles that will appeal to the Christmas giver, and a never ending round of good will and fellowship prevailing through it all.

Don't fail to come. Everybody come. All you need is a nickel and a smile. And say: Have you bought that stick of gum for the Cedar chest? If not see one of the three hundred ticket sellers. The chest is a wonder and contains everything from silver platters to table linen and possibly a baby clothes or two.

So you be there. Don't forget the date. Everyone will be there too—advertisement.

A rotary spray pump, weighing 59 pounds, has been invented, which is expected to revolutionize orchard spraying. It is designed to be a machine, running at normal speed, can deliver from 300 to 500 pounds pressure, and will distribute from 20 to 25 gallons of material a minute.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL HAS BEEN PUT UNDER WAY

DRIVE IN GRATIOT WILL BE CONTINUED THROUGH UNTIL THURSDAY, NOV. 30.

### Many New Members Expected to Join

The organization in Gratiot County for the annual Red Cross Roll Call has been completed and the Red Cross campaign is now actively under way and will be continued until Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Harrington, county chairman of the annual Roll Call, has selected an able corps of aids in every town in the county and the drive is being pushed to the fullest extent possible and good results are being expected, as the public generally knows the great and wonderful work that the Red Cross does, and the needs that are derived from the memberships.

Gratiot people, naturally, are expected to respond wholeheartedly in this great cause. The Red Cross has proven through years of service to be the greatest agency for relief in time of disaster regardless of where the disaster may take place, whether at home or in foreign lands.

Those who have held memberships in the Red Cross in past years are certain to renew them this year, and it is expected that some hundreds of other Gratiot people will also take memberships in this great agency of aid.

The list of local chairmen throughout the county, where memberships may be secured and renewed follows: Middleton, Mrs. Margaret Fitzpatrick; Perrinton, Mrs. Arnold; Elm Hall, Mrs. George Stambaugh; Sumner, Mrs. Nina Lang; Bannister, Mrs. Martha Ryder; Newark, Mrs. Chas. Maurer; St. Louis, Mrs. Mary Baker; Ashley, Mrs. Clara Nardin; North Star, Mrs. Frank Howes; Ithaca, Mrs. Mary Nelson; Elwell, Miss Hazel Pritchard; Riverdale, Charles F. Nunn; Pompei, Mrs. Mary Mikesell; Forest Hill, Mrs. Elmer Post; Breckenridge, H. C. Poulson; Alma, Mrs. Joseph Winslow; Wheeler, Rev. Bell; Emerson, Mrs. P. Allen.

### Conference Plans Near Completion

With additional speakers of national prominence accepting and assurances of attendance from health officers and public health nurses in 60 counties of the state already in the committee in charge of the second annual conference of health officers and public health nurses to be held here December 4 to 8, under the auspices of the Michigan Department of Health and Michigan Public Health Association, is applying the finishing touches to the program which will be announced complete within the next few days.

Invitations which were sent from the state department of health a week ago are being returned promptly with the "I will be there" cards leading. Because of the increased attendance expected this year the meeting place has been changed to the House of Representatives in the state capitol. Besides hearing the unusual gathering of national authorities the delegates will be given the opportunity to tour the capitol and the new state office building.

Among the later speakers announced today by Dr. R. M. Olin, commissioner, are: Dr. F. C. Bourreau, Columbus, chief of the communicable disease division, Ohio Department of Health; Dr. Hugh Cabot, Ann Arbor, dean of the medical college, University of Michigan; Dr. C. C. Slemmons, Grand Rapids, city health officer; W. C. Hoad, Ann Arbor, professor of engineering, University of Michigan; Bruce I. Miller, Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Times News; Dr. Gay L. Kliefer, Detroit, president of the Michigan Public Health Association; Dr. A. H. Garvin, Detroit, medical director of the Detroit Tuberculosis Sanatorium; and Dr. H. F. Vaughn, Detroit, health commissioner.

### HAD FINE SALE

The sale conducted by Sonley Brothers at their farm near this city last week, was a big success as the results of their advertising in the Babcock publications. A total of 23 hogs were sold at auction bringing an average price of \$32.50, and thirteen cattle brought an average price of \$30.00. Sonley Brothers are well pleased with the results of their advertising in the Babcock publications. It will be noted that the price that they received for the hogs is about twice the amount that they would have brought over the scales.

### Gave Splendid Address in Alma

Mrs. Helen B. Poulsen gave a splendid address Thursday evening at the high school on child life, which held a deep interest for the many who attended the lecture.

Mrs. Poulsen is a mother herself, a well known teacher and a lecturer of real note, who has traveled throughout the United States studying parents and their children, and is probably one of the very best authorities procurable on such a subject as the one that she lectured on in this city. Her message to Alma parents was a vital one that held the close attention of her audience from start to finish, her splendid and vivid presentation of the cares and worries and the misunderstandings that come to the children, and the sympathetic treatment of their perplexing problems, being skillfully done in such a way that no parents who attended the lecture could fail to grasp the import of her suggestions.

Mrs. Poulsen was brought to Alma through the co-operation of a number of local clubs and the Alma public schools, and it is certain that the message that she brought to Alma people will be well worth the effort that was made to bring her to this city.

## WILLIAMS GAVE A GOOD ADDRESS

HAD STRONG MESSAGE FOR ALMA PEOPLE IN ADDRESS GIVEN HERE.

Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams, who came to Alma last Friday under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Prohibition League proved an inspiring and effective speaker. He addressed the students of Alma College at the regular time of College chapel in the morning. Between one and one-thirty he addressed the students in the high school and at 7:30 he spoke before a mass meeting in the Presbyterian church.

The League for which Dr. Williams is working is an organization closely allied to the Anti-Saloon League. Its purpose is to present the cause of Prohibition to the students of the land and thus insure the country from misguided leadership in days to come.

All of Dr. Williams' addresses were enjoyed. In them in addition to touching upon the need for wide spread action against the use of cigarettes and in favor of respect for the law, he described the situation as it now is in the fight for temperance. He showed that very many of the articles which are constantly appearing in metropolitan papers and magazines purporting to prove that beer and wine or any modification of the Volstead act are demanded by the people, are nothing but propaganda put out by the wets and entirely untrustworthy. He asserted that in addition to raising large sums in this country to finance their efforts the wets were supported by foreign capital, the wine makers of France having raised three million francs for the purpose.

Including his proof that the wets were constantly making sweeping statements for which there was very little ground, Dr. Williams said "The wets remind me of the Swede's definition of a frog."

"The frog," said he, "is a queer bird. When he walks he jumps. When he jumps he flies almost. When he stands he sits almost. When he sits he sits on his tail which isn't there almost." So," said Dr. Williams, "the wets make their assertions on facts that aren't there almost."

All that Dr. Williams said was given color and point by flashes of wit and interesting anecdotes which delighted his hearers.

Dr. Williams stated that the recent elections as a whole were favorable to the dries, although the wets acting true to form were making them out as a great wet victory.

### HOLD CLINIC FRIDAY

The Gratiot Co. Good Health Society is holding an Adenoid and Tonsil clinic at the cottage of the Republic school this (Friday) morning. There are fifteen children to be operated on. This makes nearly 100 children who are in the grades of the public schools of Gratiot county that the Gratiot County Good Health Society has operated upon in the past year, and thus put them in a condition whereby they can do good school work and become good citizens of our own U. S. A.

The teachers say there is a wonderful improvement in the work of these pupils. This organization believes in an equal chance for all children. The money for this work is one of the many good uses derived from the sale of Christmas seals.

Go to church Sunday. When the preacher orates upon the delinquencies of mankind you can always reflect that there are exceptions to every rule.

## MANY CRIPPLES OF THE COUNTY CAN BE AIDED

CLINIC FOUND THAT AID COULD BE GIVEN IN 45 OF 47 CASES EXAMINED.

### Good Advice Given Parents by Doctors

A big interest was shown by the people of Gratiot County in the crippled children's clinic, which was held at Ithaca on Friday, November 17, at the offices of the Red Cross nurse, at which time 47 crippled children in the county were examined by Dr. William Blodgett of the Detroit Crippled Children's Hospital and his aides, who found that it would be possible to aid 45 out of the 47 cases. This finding establishes beyond all question of doubt, the extreme value of such clinics.

In the 45 cases, in which it is believed aid can be given, there were indications that the children by proper treatment can be brought to a normal condition of health, and every effort was made at the clinic to give the best possible advice to the parents of the children, in order that they may be able to take full advantage of the findings at the clinic.

At noon Friday the parents and the children were served with lunch, and in the evening fourteen doctors and nurses, who co-operated in the clinic, had dinner together.

### Christy Mathewson Appears on Screen

Christy Mathewson, America's baseball hero, will lend his aid to the cause of tuberculosis work during the coming tuberculosis Christmas seal sale.

The favorite of ball fans contracted tuberculosis after his return from service over-seas, and spent several months undergoing treatment at the famous sanatorium at Saranac Lake. Recently, he was discharged from Saranac as cured and has been in splendid condition, with no recurrence of the disease, since then.

So grateful is Mathewson for his recovery that he has appeared in a short film dealing with his fight against, and victory over, tuberculosis. The picture is entitled "Matty Wins His Greatest Game" and closes with an appeal by the baseball star for the support of the public in the coming Christmas sale.

The Michigan Tuberculosis Association has already leased the film to the following cities: Detroit, Jackson, Adrian, Lakeview, Menominee, Howell, Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Ithaca and St. Louis.

### Cornerstone of New Elwell Church Laid

The cornerstone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church at Elwell was laid Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19.

Rev. Dr. Lathrop of Ithaca delivered an appropriate address in Macabee hall, with "Christ, the cornerstone" as his theme. The ritualistic ceremony was then conducted by Dr. Lathrop at the site of the new church.

In the cornerstone were placed old church records, new and old photographs, and a list of the trustees of the Elwell church, which parish gave the building to be moved overland to Elwell.

The Elwell pastor, Rev. H. B. Strong read a list of articles sealed in the cornerstone.

Mr. Strong's pastorates include Riverdale, Elm Hall, Sumner Center and Elwell, in all of which he is active, capably assisted by Mrs. Strong who conducts church services when her husband is detained by funerals or other ministrations.

Mr. Strong took an active part in excavating and laying the foundation at Elwell, directing the work and doing a large portion of it himself.

### Jury Disagreed in Deitz Case

In the case of Frank Deitz on trial in circuit court last week for several days, the jury could not reach an agreement and was finally discharged.

Deitz had been arrested here several months ago on a serious charge. It is reported that the jury stood eight to four for a verdict of not guilty in the case. It is regarded as doubtful if Deitz will be retried, although no formal statement had been issued by the prosecutor's office up to the first of the week in this connection.

### SENATOR RESIGNS



TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY

## FORCE LAD TO OPEN UP SAFE

AT POINT OF REVOLVERS LAD OPENS SAFE AND GIVES UP ITS CONTENTS.

Thursday, the Newark store was robbed by two men with revolvers who forced Barney, the 14-year-old son of John Bates, the proprietor of the store, to open the safe and cash register and hand over to them the contents of the two which are said to have amounted to from \$75.00 to \$100.

Somewhat earlier in the day Mr. Bates had gone to Perrinton to the bank in that community and had remained there while his truck was being repaired. The boy was left alone in the store to care for the late afternoon trade and to look up the store when the day's business was done. Late in the evening he saw two men at a window of the store, but thought nothing of it until they had smashed through the window. One of them flashed a revolver on the lad, through the window and the other went into the store from the front door, drawing a revolver as he entered.

He was then joined by the first man and they forced the lad at the point of the revolvers to open the safe and cash register for them, telling him to be quick as a truck was coming. They then told the lad to remain seated in a chair for a period of a half hour, threatening his life if he did not do so, and then quickly departed.

Within a few minutes after the robbers left a party entered the store and insured the way to Grand Rapids and the lad told his story and help was summoned from his home and from the sheriff's office in Ithaca. Clues to the robbers have not yet been found.

### Present Musical Friday Evening

This Friday evening the musical to be given under the auspices of the Alma Art Club, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the Alma Welfare Association, will be held at the Presbyterian Church.

All of the best artists of the city will assist in the program of the evening and the musical gives promise of being a real treat. The admission price is only 35c. Tickets should be secured early from Mrs. L. J. Archer, telephone 630.

The program follows:

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| Organ  | Gaudeamus (from Mignon).....Thomas                                       |
| Song of the Woodman.....Lynne  | Overture to "Strandella".....Flotow-Buck                                 |
| Mrs. Grace Roberts   |  |
| Vocal Solo   | Wonderful World of Romance.....Haydn Wood                                |
| In An Old Fashioned Town.....W. H. Spurgeon  | Mrs. Marie Myers   |
| Girls' Double Trio   | Parade.....Offenbach-Lynne   |
| Rocking Time.....Knox  | Helen Sharrah, Helen Ely, Hortense                                       |
| MacKenzie, Margaret, etc., Dorothy Young, Beatrice Snyder.                             |  |
| Vocal Solo   | Selected.....Mr. Beaumont  |
| Vocal Solo   | Selected.....Promilda Young  |
| Reading  | Selected.....Mr. Lee Sharrah   |
| Male Quartette   | Selected.....Chester Robinson, Lowell Hudson, Donald Smith, Julian Smith |
| Vocal Solo   | The Cry of Rachel.....Mary Turner Salter                                 |
| The Morning Wind.....Gene Branscombe   | Mrs. Hazel Davis, Mrs. Louise MacKenzie, Mrs. Mildred Sweet Young        |
| Art Club Trio  | Gobekli.....Gowitt Smith   |
| Shelley.....Shelley  | Shelley.....Shelley  |
| Accompanist: Miss Grace Roberts, Miss Esther Zimp, Mrs. Lulu Pringle, Mrs. Leah Mullin |  |
| Plans loaned by compliments of Sawkins Piano Co.                                       |  |

## NEWBERRY HAS RESIGNED HIS SENATE SEAT

JUNIOR SENATOR FEELS THAT ENEMIES HAVE MADE HIM POWERLESS FOR SERVICE.

### Groesbeck Will Pick Successor

Truman H. Newberry, junior senator of Michigan, has resigned his office, and his resignation has been placed in the hands of Gov. Groesbeck and has also been read into the minutes of the United States Senate, and now Michigan's governor is casting around to locate the strongest available person to represent Michigan in the upper house of congress.

Newberry's letter of resignation sets forth his reasons for the resignation, which had been expected following the defeat of Senator Charles Townsend.

There is no intimation as yet who will be appointed by Governor Alex J. Groesbeck to succeed Senator Newberry. It is understood that Michigan's governor has several well known Michigan residents under consideration, but those who know Groesbeck best do not expect that he will make any hurried selections, but will study over the possibilities of the available people before arriving at a decision. Groesbeck realizes as well as anyone else the importance of selecting a strong man to replace Senator Newberry, one who will be able to represent Michigan with honor and credit, and the Republicans of Michigan may rest assured that the man who will be appointed will be, of that type.

Senator Newberry's letter of resignation to Governor Groesbeck reads as follows:

Hon. Alex. J. Groesbeck, Governor of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan. Sir:

I tender herewith my resignation as United States senator from Michigan, to take immediate effect.

I am impelled to take this action because, at the recent election, notwithstanding his long and faithful public service and his strict adherence to the basic principles of constructive Republicanism which I hold in common with him, Senator Townsend was defeated. While this failure to re-elect him may have been brought about, in part, by over four years of continuous propaganda of misrepresentation and untruth, a fair analysis of the vote in Michigan and other states where friends and political enemies alike have suffered defeat, will demonstrate that a general feeling of unrest was mainly responsible therefor.

This situation renders futile further service by me in the United States senate, where I have consistently supported the progressive policies of President Harding's administration. My work there has been and would continue to be hampered by partisan persecution, and I, therefore, cheerfully return my commission to the people from whom I received it.

I desire to record an expression of my gratitude for the splendid friendship, loyalty and devotion of those who have endured with me during the past four years, experiences unparalleled in the political history of our country. By direction of the Democratic administration, these began immediately upon my nomination, by proceedings before a specially selected grand jury, sitting in another state, which by a vote of 10 to 1 completely exonerated those who had conducted my campaign. Then followed my election, with every issue which has since been raised clearly before the electorate of the state. A recount was demanded, and after a thorough and painstaking review of the ballots by the United States senate I was found to have received a substantial majority.

While this was in progress, I was subjected, with a large number of representative men of Michigan who had supported me, to a trial, following indictments procured by a Democratic department of justice, which through hundreds of agents had hounded and terrified men in all parts of the state into believing some wrong had been done. Under instructions given by the court, convictions of a conspiracy to spend more than \$3,750 naturally followed, and sentences imposing fines and imprisonment were immediately passed. All charges of bribery and corruption were, however, quashed by specific order of the presiding judge.

On appeal, the supreme court of the United States reversed the action of the court below, because, as stated by Chief Justice White, of "the grave misapprehension and the (Continued on page two)